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Chances to RIP in NYC are about to pass away

Limited space for city cemeteries means land shortage for new graves ◗ Some cemeteries predict as few as 10 years left for new plots ◗ Mausoleums, cremation are suggested instead

It's hard enough to find somewhere to live in New York City, but soon it will be almost impossible to find prime real estate for the afterlife.

New Yorkers are facing a shortage of space for them to rest in peace. Large cemeteries like the historic Green-Wood cemetery in Brooklyn could be out of room for new graves in as few as 10 years, officials told Metro.

"If you purchased a lot in 1840, you have a right to bury people there and fill the lot," said Jeff Richman, the historian for Green-Wood Cemetery, which was established in 1838. "There are now 560,000 buried here over 478 acres, so it fills up. We are very much in a situation of a very limited time horizon that we can offer people in-ground burial."

Richman predicts the coming years will see more people forced to look outside of New York City proper for their final resting place.

"You have the entire New Jersey market for burials, so I think that tends to be more of an economically competitive model," he said. "But I would question going across the river, where here you are getting a historic landscape."

Officials at Cypress Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn had to get creative in order to extend capacity for another 20 years. Officials are utilizing every last foot of space they can find.

▶ Full house: There are more than 200,000 people buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Queens.

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"We are expanding crematory, driven by demand for that service. You want to add niches for people rather than them putting grandma's remains in the closet somewhere."

JEFF RICHMAN, GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY HISTORIAN

"The cemetery is using the remaining 10 or 8 feet between plots and the roadways and paths to create grave sites that are perpendicular to the road," office manager Frank Lolly told Metro.

"It's a unique demographic we have in New York because [burials] are restricted to Long Island, Brooklyn and Queens," Anthony Desmond of Canarsie Cemetery said. "The space is definitely more limited than other areas of the country."

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Grave matters

What are other cities doing to combat land shortage for new graves?

- A law in New York lets cemeteries reclaim empty plots that are owned by families who have not made contact in 75 years. Cemeteries can also buy back purchased, but unused, plots from heirs.
- Officials at the City of London cemetery are digging up old remains before reburying them deeper and burying new caskets above them in the same grave.
- In Tokyo, if a grave or plot is not maintained for three years, temples have a right to move the remains into a tomb and resell the land.
- In South Jakarta, cemeteries dealing with a lack of space are burying family members in the same grave, about half a meter apart.
- To combat a cemetery shortage in Hong Kong, an architectural firm recently proposed a plan to build a floating cemetery in the city's marina.

Only active cemetery left in Manhattan

Established in 1842, Trinity Cemetery & Mausoleum on Riverside Drive is the only cemetery still selling space for remains on the crowded island of Manhattan.

While there are no in-ground plots available, its crypts have space for caskets, and there are niches for cremated remains.

It is the final resting place of some of history's notable characters.

Famed naturalist John James Audobon is buried there, as is Charles Dickens' son, Tennyson Dickens.

Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man," is buried there, as is actor Jerry Orbach.

John Jacob Astor IV, who died on the Titanic, was also laid to rest there. METRO/CG

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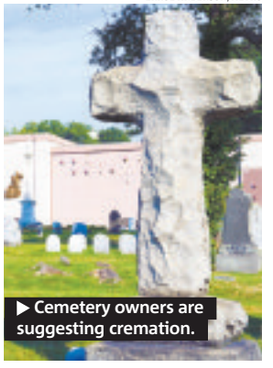

▶ Cemetery owners are suggesting cremation.

Pushing cremation and mausoleums

Most New York City cemeteries are being forced to focus on above-ground burial options like mausoleums, where caskets can be stacked.

Canarsie Cemetery has plans to build an entire "town" of mausoleums that will hold 10,000 new remains on some undeveloped space there.

"It was a desperation move for us ... because we don't have any other options," Desmond said.

Cemetery officials also say cremation may soon be the most viable option for those who want their remains to stay in New York. "We introduce the idea," Lolly said. "We can't buy or make land. We have to work within parameters of what we are given." METRO/CG

In the news

Pol's cop daughter arrested

An NYPD sergeant and daughter of State Sen. Ruben Diaz was arrested for keying her boyfriend's car over the weekend. Damaris Diaz, 43, was arrested Saturday and charged with criminal mischief and aggravated harassment for allegedly keying a 2005 Honda Accord. This is after she allegedly sent her cop boyfriend a series of angry and threatening messages. METRO/JT

In the news

Cuomo: Assemblyman Vito Lopez should resign

Brooklyn Assemblyman Vito Lopez is losing allies faster than he can deny the sexual harassment charges for which he was censured last week. Gov. Andrew Cuomo is the latest politician to call for his resignation, after Lopez was accused of groping two female interns earlier this summer. METRO/JT

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Johnson's gun bought out of state

New York City has some of the toughest gun control laws in the country, but other states' lenient weapons laws undercut The Empire State's strict gun control.

The Empire State Building shooter bought his gun legally in Florida more than 20 years ago, but didn't have a city permit.

Last month, a report found that only 20 percent of guns seized in New York were purchased in-state.

The rest were purchased in states with far more lenient laws — including Florida.

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Attorney: NYPD used excessive force in shooting

The attorney representing Ramarley Graham's family told Metro yesterday he thinks the NYPD used excessive force in the gunman takedown outside the Empire State Building on Friday.

Graham's case made headlines in New York City when the 18-year-old was shot and killed in February following an attempted drug bust in the Bronx. Police chased Graham into his own home and he was shot and killed in his bathroom; he was unarmed.

The cop who shot the teen is now awaiting trial on manslaughter charges, and the attorney for the dead boy's family, Royce Russell, said Friday's shooting was similar to other cases where innocent bystanders have been injured or killed by NYPD bullets.

Nine bystanders were injured by police when they shot 16 rounds at Jeffrey Johnson, 58, the gunman who killed his former boss outside the Empire State Building on Friday.

The victims may be able to seek compensation from the city, Royce said.

"At a ratio of 16 to 1, then clearly there is an issue of training here," Royce said. "Either it's an issue of abuse of force or an issue of people who aren't ready to deal with these issues."

Man hit by police bullets speaks

Robert Asika, 23, is one of those nine people hit by the police bullets.

Asika was on his way to work when he was shot in the elbow. He told The Guardian, "If you wanna aim at the target, you got to know what you're doing because it's the street. I could have been dead right now. I could have been dead.'

"These people were victimized twice," Royce said. "First by the gunman and second by the police."

Witnesses originally reported Johnson shot at police, but according to ballistics reports, he only shot at his intended victim, Steven Ercolino.

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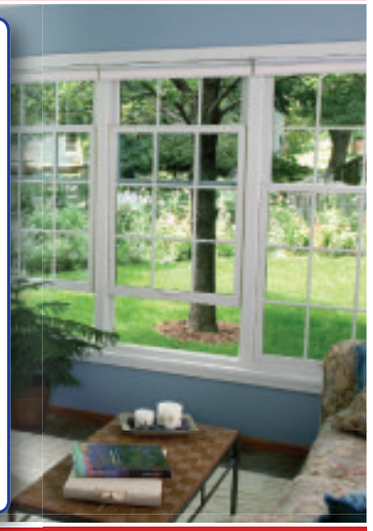

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New York State is one of a handful of places in the U.S. where it is legal for woman to be topless in public. Yesterday, protesters gathered in Midtown to exercise that right, and to spread awareness about what they call "gender topless equality," the right for woman to be topless where men can. "It's stupid that woman can get jailed for showing their nipples, everybody has them," Karen Heaven, a spokeswoman for Go-Topless, an organization based in Seattle, told Metro yesterday as she marched shirtless. METRO/MD

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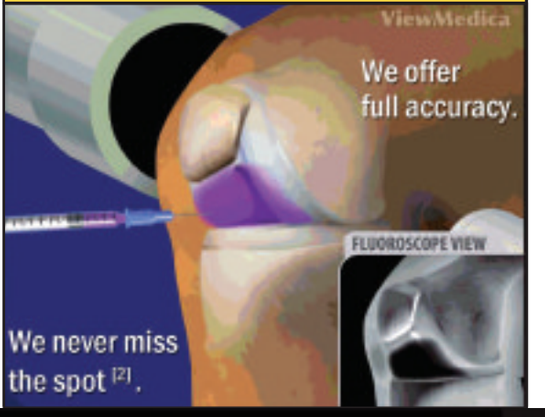

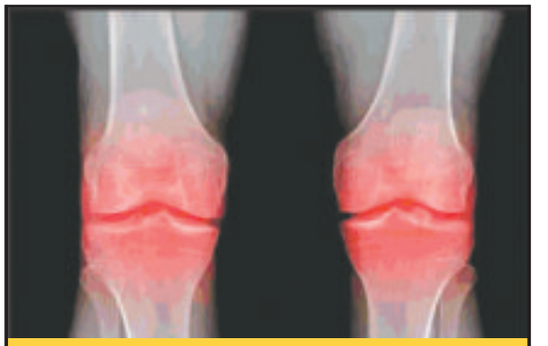

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Do you really want to know?

Once a time-consuming process, DNA testing has become so accessible that experts worry families and individuals may not be properly prepared for the results.

"As this [industry] evolves it will create ... a social expectation that, despite a past relationship between a social father and a child, DNA is everything," said David Bishai, a professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The door, however, is open to heartbreak, especially when men discover that somebody else fathered their children.

"If you're really happy with the children in your life, don't go near these things," Bishai said.

But Jared Rosenthal, owner of New York-based Health Street, defended his business.

"We get a lot of clients who are kept up at night by these questions," he said."They all want answers."

▶ Those with paternity questions can flag down this van on New York City streets.

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Who's your daddy? Roving DNA clinic has answers for those who ask

A mobile DNA testing facility that looks more like a motor home than a medical clinic is raising questions about the ramifications of quick and easy tests to determine paternity and other biological connections.

A 28-foot recreational vehicle cruising around New York City emblazoned with the question "Who's Your Daddy?" and offering on-the-spot DNA testing service has renewed those concerns.

The clinic, operated by a New York company called Health Street, started in 2010 but was revamped two months ago.

Passersby can hail the conspicuous brown and blue Winnebago to have DNA samples taken by a technician, packaged and sent to a laboratory in Ohio. Results are returned within three to five business days. Mandatory prescriptions for the tests from a customer's physician can be faxed via the Internet to the RV. They charge $299.

Jared Rosenthal, who founded Health Street and drives the RV, recounted some of the people affected by his service: Two women who learned they were half-sisters, and a man whose suspicion that he might be the father of a friend's daughter was confirmed.

"It's just such a serious, fundamental question. ... Who are your children? Who are your parents?" Rosenthal, 42 said.

A 44-year-old married father of two in New York City confirmed in July through a DNA test at Health Street's mobile clinic that the adult daughter of a woman he dated some 20 years ago was his.

The man, who declined to give his name for reasons of privacy, said he is slowly and cautiously building a relationship with his 20-year-old daughter, a student in Ohio.

"This issue is still raw and very sensitive," he said.

"I will get to know my daughter. ... This is something I'm taking one day at a time." **REUTERS**

Ever-growing need for tests

Experts say there has been a steady increase in demand for such tests in the United States, reaching close to 500,000 a year, according to Michael Baird, director of DNA Diagnostics, a DNA testing laboratory, in part because the rate of births to unmarried women has also been increasing.

In 2010, at least 382,199 relationship tests were conducted in the United States, although the total is likely higher because some labs don't submit data, according to the AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks, which accredits relationship-testing facilities. **REUTERS**

GOP makes changes to convention as Isaac nears

Tropical Storm Isaac menaced the presidential election campaign yesterday, forcing Republicans to make changes to their convention in Tampa, Fla., where party officials scrambled to make sure candidate Mitt Romney's message to voters does not get blown off course.

The storm was now forecast to hit land midweek, possibly even blasting into New Orleans at hurricane strength on the seventh anniversary of Hurricane Katrina — which might hurt the party's effort to get out its message more than if it had hit Tampa Bay directly as originally predicted.

Expecting earlier that Tampa would be in Issac's sights, convention organizers had canceled today's opening events and tried to squeeze as many speakers and activities into three days as had been planned for four.

Republicans this week are to formally nominate Romney and vice presidential running mate Paul Ryan as their candidates to face President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden in the November 6 election.

"It's a concern ... competing with a major weather event," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus told ABC's "This Week." Still he said he expected independent voters particularly will tune in to hear Romney and Ryan speak. **REUTERS**

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Fueled by warm Gulf waters, Isaac is expected to strengthen into a Category 2 hurricane with 105 mph winds.

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▶ Tampa area residents make preparations for the arrival of Tropical Storm Isaac by filling sandbags at a Hillsborough County Public Works Service Center.

News in brief

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Congressman calls for state funeral for Neil Armstrong

NEW YORK. U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong, who died on Saturday from complications from heart surgery, should be given a state funeral, a congressman said last night. State funerals, held in the nation's capital, are usually only given to former presidents.

But Republican Bill Johnson, from Armstrong's home state of Ohio, said the astronaut, who was the first man to walk on the moon, deserved the honor.

"I ask President Obama to hold a state funeral for Neil Armstrong so that every American may pay tribute to this groundbreaking hero," he said. "His first step on the moon showed the world that Americans can do anything." he said. The White House had no immediate comment. **METRO**

Britain wants to restart Assange talks with Ecuador

LONDON. Britain said yesterday it remained committed to reaching a diplomatic solution to the presence of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in Ecuador's London embassy, after both countries took steps to defuse a row over his action in taking refuge there.

Assange has been living in the embassy's quarters for more than two months since fleeing there to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over rape and sexual assault allegations. **REUTERS**

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In the news

▶ HIV home test kit

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Home-testing tests could slow HIV rate

The first approved home HIV tests have keen successfully tried on a high-risk sample of participants, ahead of the devices going on sale. It is hoped their availability will provide a major breakthrough in treatment of the deadly virus.

The study was conducted by the HIV Center in New York City, using 27 sexually active, but HIV-negative, homosexual men who rarely if ever wear condoms. They were asked to have partners take the test — which gives results in 20 minutes from a saliva sample.

Over a three-month period, around 10 percent of their partners who were tested had positive results. Of these, 60 percent had been unaware of their status. Further, 24 of 27 subjects felt comfortable using the test and said they would continue checking partners. "I always ask now. That's the closest I can come to knowing, and I want as much of that feeling as I can get," one participant said. The HIV Center report, published in the AIDS and Behavior journal, concluded the test was a "very effective and cost-efficient strategy for HIV." Study author Alex Carballo-Dieguez told Metro that the subjects would normally test people by "looking at someone and saying 'he looks healthy.'" Without the ritual of visiting a clinic, "it was easier for them and promoted discussion."

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Not one star, but thousands must explode over billions of years and contribute some of their material to form earth. The atoms in your body are close to each other now, but they were once spread throughout the galaxy, light years apart in the vacuum of space and within the cores of stars.

Scientist Jill Tarter once said, "We, all of us, are what happens when a primordial mixture of hydrogen and helium evolves for so long, it begins to ask where it came from." So the next time you see a copper penny, or a piece of gold jewelry, you will know of its secret history in ancient stars.

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▶ Vegan-only dining halls also attract omnivorous students, PETA reports.

PETA holds contest to vegan-ize dining halls

The animal rights organization is offering $1,000 to the first students who create a new vegan dining hall

With the number of vegetarian and vegan students on the rise, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) is sensing a leverage point in their campaign to create more vegan-only dining on campuses across the country. Their latest initiative is a contest that will pay $1,000 to the first student group that converts a meat-serving dinning hall into a vegan-only one.

Peta2 — the student-outreach arm of the animal rights organization — is promoting the contest.

PETA firmly believes that all meat and animal product consumption constitutes cruelty to animals, even if it comes from a producer that claims to be free-range or cruelty-free.

"Many of those products are as bad if not worse than conventional meat and dairy," says Ryan Huling, the manager of college outreach for PETA. "Many of those animals are suffering, and the producers aren't allowed to give them any sort of pain relief, because that would violate the organic standards."

PETA also claims that vegan-only dining halls will provide a health benefit to nonvegetarians on campus. They point to the University of North Texas and the University of California-San Diego as prime examples of vegan dining hall success stories.

"We're hearing amazing reports from these schools. The vast majority of the customers were not vegetarian students," says Huling. "They were just seeking fresher, healthier dinning options, which also happen to be cruelty-free. It's pretty clear that these options appeal to all students."

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The contest

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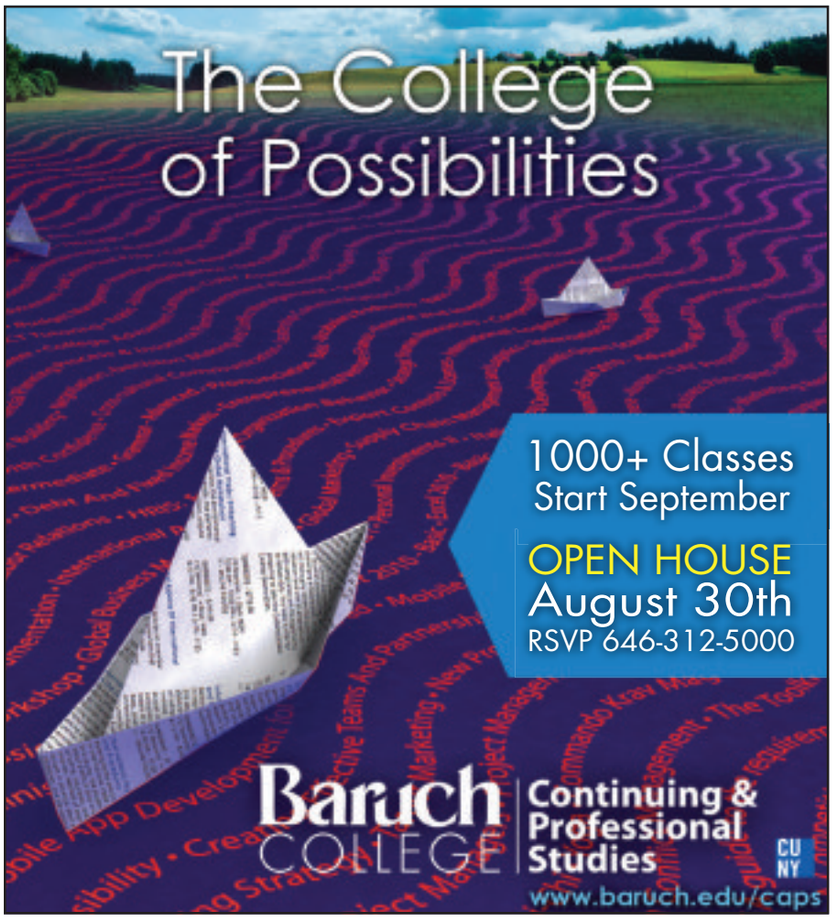

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Religion returns to college campuses

A new book reveals that religion is finding its way back in to higher education — even public colleges Penn State is leading the way

Thanks to a grant from the Lily Endowment, the husband and wife team of Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen and Douglas Jacobsen finally had resources to get started on the book they always wanted to write. "No Longer Invisible: Religion In University Education" is a comprehensive analysis of religion in higher education. And, as far as the authors are concerned, the results are clear: Religion is back on college campuses.

Culling from four years of research, the co-authors point to intellectual and practical trends leading away from the idea of purely secular education.

A little praise for Penn State

Understandably, there is very little praise for Penn State currently swirling around media. But in "No Longer Invisible," PSU's Center for Ethics and Religious Affairs is hailed as a positive example of a new approach to religion on public campuses.

"In the '80s and '90s most of the educated elite in the U.S. felt that religion was losing significant power and influence in society and might even eventually disappear. They saw the educational task as training people for a world where religion was a nonentity," says Douglas Jacobsen. "But now we can see that religion is not disappearing. It's incredibly visible, whether people like it or not, and it has to be taken seriously."

The Jacobsens are both tenured professors at Messiah College, a Christian college in central Pennsylvania. But they are adamant that this book was written without a partisan agenda.

"We're scholars. We're trying to describe the current terrain as fairly and accurately as possible, without bias. Now, of course, nobody ever gets past who they are. People had to correct our natural protestant tendencies over and over. It was a long process," says Jacobsen. "So, for us, one of the interesting things about this whole question is that it requires everybody to confront the religious or nonreligious orientations that they bring to higher education."

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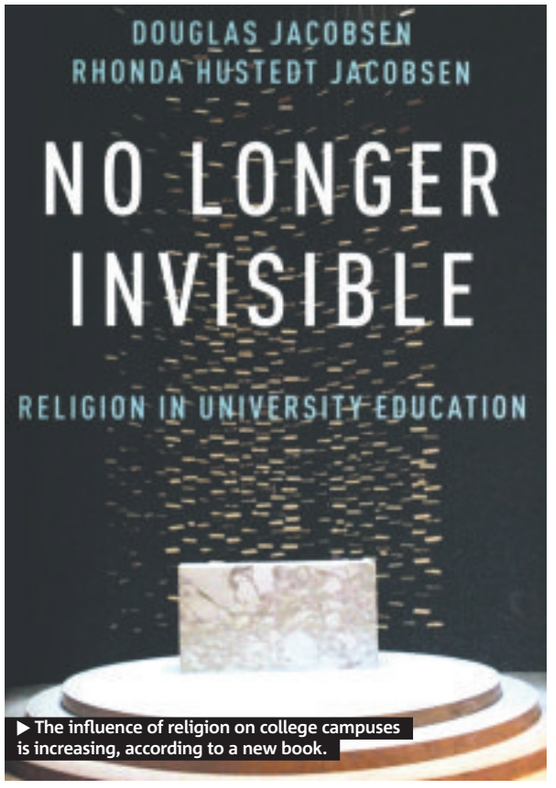

▶ The influence of religion on college campuses is increasing, according to a new book.

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John Mayer and Katy Perry expire

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▶ On the bright side, Katy, your hair looks fantastic.

Katy Perry has joined the surprisingly long list of hot, talented women to be dumped by **John Mayer**.

After two months, Mayer — who has also dated **Jennifer Aniston**, **Jessica Simpson** and **Taylor Swift** — called things off with the singer late last week, according to RadarOnline. Unlike the rest of us, Perry apparently thought Mayer had grown up since his days of bragging about his A-list sex life in Playboy.

"Katy fell hook, line and sinker for John, so when he broke it off she was ultimately surprised and incredibly embarrassed," a source tells the site. "She's ashamed that she got played. It was the classic ladies man move — he added another notch on his bedpost. He charmed Katy, got what he wanted and moved on."

Katy, don't be embarrassed that you got played by a sleazy guy — be embarrassed that you got played by the guy who wrote "Your Body is a Wonderland."

Perry passes on 'American Idol'

In what we're assuming is an attempt to salvage some pop culture dignity, Perry has reportedly turned down a $20 million offer to sit at the "American Idol" judges table. That's $2 million more than the unprecedented amount that the show will be paying **Mariah Carey** for Season 12 — and $20 million more than John Mayer would have asked for to have an audience again.

Congrats, Snooki!

We give her a lot of trouble on this page, but we're genuinely pleased to tell you that **Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi** welcomed a baby boy, **Lorenzo**, with boyfriend **Jionni LaValle** on Sunday.

"The world just got another guido! Lorenzo Dominic LaValle has entered the world weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Nicole, Jionni and Enzo are doing great!" says a rep who only Snooki would employ, in a statement.

Madonna an insult pro

Madonna doesn't seem too concerned about **Elton John**'s recent rant about her being a has-been "fairground stripper." "I forgive him," Madonna told her audience in Nice, France over the weekend before dedicating her song "Masterpiece" to John. "I know he's a big fan of ['Masterpiece']. And I know he's a big fan of mine. And you know? I forgive him."

Noted: Taking the passive-aggressive high-road is that much more satisfying when onstage in the south of France.

Talking points

Prince Harry to apologize for photos

Prince Harry is reportedly planning to make a public mea culpa for the naked photo scandal from his recent trip to Las Vegas, according to Radar Online. "Harry regrets the embarrassment he has caused the royal family around the world and plans on apologizing for his antics," a source says. "He got a stern telling-off from his father, **Prince Charles**, as well as **the Queen**, who reminded him of his responsibilities as a member of the royal family. Even on vacation, the Prince has to realize that he is an ambassador for the country and should behave appropriately. Harry just wanted to let off a bit of steam with his pals before heading to Afghanistan, where he will renew his army commitments — but he made a lapse of judgment after a boozy day of partying. He's been told to say sorry — not for the first time in his life — to nip this story in the bud."

It's a boy for Anna Faris and Chris Pratt

Actors **Anna Faris** and **Chris Pratt** became parents this weekend when Faris gave birth to their first child, a boy named Jack, according to Us Weekly. The baby "arrived earlier than expected and will be spending some time in the NICU," Faris' rep says. "The happy parents thank you for your warm wishes and ask that you honor their privacy at this time."

Hayek claiming Mexican roots

Salma Hayek is fighting off claims she's not losing touch with her roots after telling a German magazine she "hardly had any memories of what it is to be Mexican" after coming to Hollywood. "I have never denied my background or my culture. I have taught my child to embrace her Mexican heritage," Hayek says in a statement to the Associated Press. "I have always been an active part of my community. I have tried my whole life to represent my Mexican roots with honor and pride. It saddens me when my words are lost in translation and taken out of context to hurt the people of Mexico."

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

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@peeweeherman
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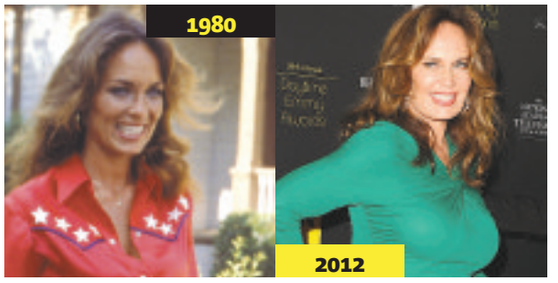

Ladies of the '80s who still drive us crazy

Not all that much from the '80s stands the test of time. But these ladies? Very welcome exceptions. From left to right:

1 **Catherine Bach** rocked the Daisy Dukes as Daisy Duke in 1980. At 58 in 2012, she's still worth saying "yee-haw" about, even if she rocks a slightly more modest hemline.

2 **Robin Givens** was head of the class on the show "Head of the Class" when this first photo was taken in 1988, and at 47, you could now say that she's head of the sass.

3 When this photo of **Susanna Hoffs** of the Bangles was snapped in 1988, she had many teenage boys acting out a vulgar parody of the band's hit "Walk Like an Egyptian." Now those boys are men, but Hoffs is still smoking hot at 53, as she was pictured here earlier this month.

4 **Phoebe Cates** emerged from the pool of '80s starlets with a flourish in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." At 48, she's still making her peers look like gremlins.

5 **EG Daily** was once warned by **Pee-wee Herman** that he was a loner ... a rebel. But the Dottie of yesteryear is a firmly established hottie thereafter. Just look at that tat!

6 **Cassandra Peterson**, better known as **Elvira, Mistress of the Night**, is seen here in 1975.

And here, in 2012. Wait, what? WHAT?

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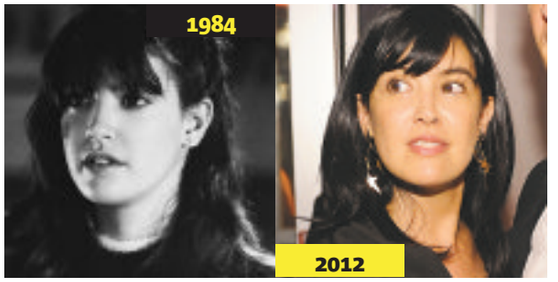

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'The Baby Wait'

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'Bizarre Foods America'

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt and co-star Dania Ramirez biked through NYC in their new action movie
It's like 'Quicksilver' without Kevin Bacon

Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Dania Ramirez got a hell of a workout and a detailed tour of New York City making "Premium Rush," in which they play fast-moving bike messengers. Metro sat down with the stars to talk about filming in the city and how dangerous even pretending to be a bike messenger can be — and to nitpick some geographical inconsistencies in the film.

▶ Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Dania Ramirez had no shortage of bruises after shooting their stunt-heavy scenes in "Premium Rush."

Joe, you actually went through a cab's windshield while filming. Were there other particularly close calls or dangerous moments for either of you?
Dania Ramirez: There was one time where I had to do a take where I had to jump the curb to get back on the sidewalk, and this UPS truck just decided to pull out of nowhere right in front of me, and I had to turn my bike and skid and the whole nine. Every single day we filmed the movie, it was always in the back of my mind: "I hope I don't fall today." Because I fell so many times. [Laughs]
It can be tricky making a movie in New York, worrying about continuity issues when you turn corners.
Joseph Gordon-Levitt: Actually, the movie's really good about that. It's pretty ... I'm trying to think if there were any.
Well, the 1 train doesn't actually go above ground south of Columbia University.
JGL: And he would be going south. That's right, that's right. We did. You're totally right. We shot that chase scene up in, like, the high 130s. But it looked awesome. I guess I wasn't worried about that. I just got done shooting a movie where Gotham City is made up of L.A., Pittsburgh, New York and parts of outside London. So to me, if it's seamless in the movie it doesn't really bother me.
How was the experience of shooting on campus at Columbia, your alma mater?
JGL: It was a trip, man, because we shot in 2010, which is basically exactly 10 years after I arrived as a freshman and was living in John Jay, so yeah. It's just a bizarre thing to make it back 10 years later. It was the first time I had shot on campus.
Have either of you seen the 1986 Kevin Bacon film "Quicksilver" before?
DR: I've had so many people come up to me and tell me about it.
JGL: Especially people who are into bikes, I've found. "Oh, so you're doing 'Quicksilver.'" It's like, I guess I've got to see this movie. S—, sorry. I still haven't watched it.

Q&A

In what parts of NYC were you particularly excited to film?

DR: I was looking forward to riding around Chinatown. I just think on film it's so interesting to watch that part of the city.

JGL: I liked shooting uptown, actually, even if it might be a little inconsistent. [laughs] That part of town is maybe a little lesser known, and it is so pretty — maybe not pretty in the sense of peaceful or whatever, but it's a really visually striking part of town with the train up there. And it's a part of town that I spent a fair amount of time in because I went to school up there and lived in Harlem for a year and a half.

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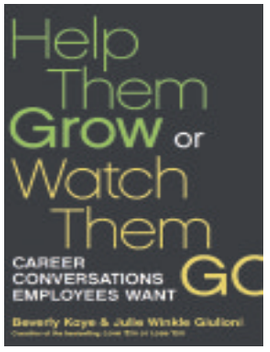
How to keep your employees — and keep them happy

Career Systems International founder, Beverly Kaye, has been specializing in corporate management techniques for almost three decades. In her latest book, "Help Them Grow or Watch Them Go: Career Conversations Employees Want," she sets out to debunk the myths surrounding career development.



Are you championing a humanistic approach to management?

I don't know what other approach there could be, when it comes to working with people. We passed through the mechanistic management era. That's not coming back. More than ever we have to treat every employee as an individual, and there are different things that motivate every individual. I'm just trying to encourage people to find out what that is.

What do managers get wrong about employee development?

They get the wrong idea about how much time it will take. They believe that if they sit down with an employee, it's going to take an hour and they're going to do whole lot of paperwork because of it. But it's not about lengthy conversations or pretty forms. It's about recognizing a moment, and asking questions. It's about being curious.

But not everybody can move up in the organization, right?

Not everybody wants that, even though management often assumes that's the case. But everybody wants to be challenged. We have to help people find what they want, and that's often not a vertical move.

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▶ Sometimes all it takes is a simple question to find out what keeps employees happy.

How can an employee pursue development at a company where these ideals aren't being encouraged?

Have you asked for what you want? Most employees have not.

Often, we expect our managers to be mind-readers. Ask yourself: What would make me happy? What do I love the most? How can I incorporate that into my current job? You've got to share that with your manager.

Advice

Temping doesn't have to be temporary

More and more businesses are turning to temp agencies to find their next employee. Temporary positions offer a feel for a worker before committing full time. Make the right impression, and you can go from temp to perm.

"The decision to hire a temp that the company has worked with is a lot easier than hiring someone off the street," says Lahle Wolfe, About.com's Guide to Women in Business.

Don't think a temp agency is right for you? Bob Kovalsky, Senior Vice President of Adecco Staffing reminds us that they can help just about anyone, "even unique groups, like mature workers, military families and Olympic athletes."

"Agencies organize their opportunities by region and needs to help connect you with jobs that align with your skills and goals," says Kovalsky. A temporary position is about making it work for you and your specific needs. The fields are practically endless, too. "There are a variety of career opportunities with temporary agencies," says Kovalsky. "Some popular areas in need of workers include customer service, IT, industrial and manufacturing, medical, transportation and accounting."

"Some staffing firms," says Jennifer Azzolina, vice president at Kelly Services, "partner with the best talent and companies in the world, which provides opportunities and exposure to the best of the best."

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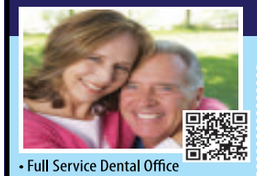
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Health news in brief

Benefits to daydreaming

Taking time to escape the hectic pace of life for a daydream is a healthy habit, according to a new study. New research from the University of Southern California suggests that the brain's relaxed "default mode" can improve memory, planning and morality.

Go ahead — dream a little dream.

Neuroscientist and lead researcher Dr. Mary Helen Immordino-Yang has called for more focus on using the default mode in education. "Balance is needed between outward and inward attention, since time spent mind wandering, reflecting and imagining may also improve the quality of outward attention that kids can sustain," she said in a statement.

London-based teacher James Davies says his students benefit from mental breaks. "You can see results when you allow kids to take breaks from concentration, particularly with creative work and problem solving," he tells Metro.

Neuroscientist and daydream expert Dr. Jonathan Smallwood says that while daydreaming allows "flexibility to explore different environments," there are limits to its value. "It would be unhealthy to think about a potential divorce abstractly, as it should be thought about in concrete terms," he says.

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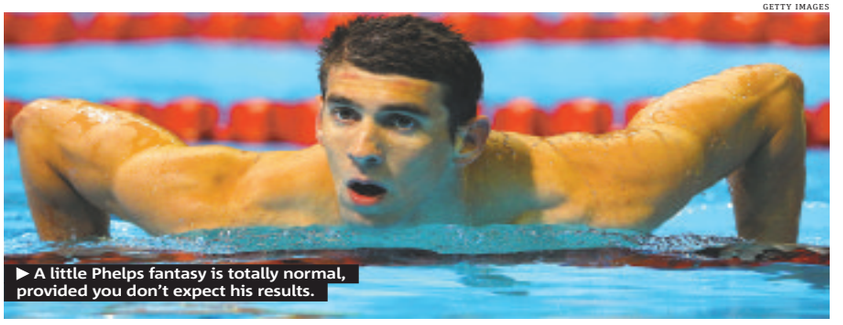

▶ A little Phelps fantasy is totally normal, provided you don't expect his results.

I wish I were Michael Phelps — is that normal? I am a middle-aged guy and when I am swimming laps I sometimes imagine I'm him and the fans are cheering me on. He's got it all: good looks, success and the admiration of the world.

You're totally normal. As a kid I imagined I was my favorite Red Sox player, and plenty of people do it as adults, too. Fantasy offers a pleasant escape from the mundane and monotony of our predictable lives — and in your case, it can be motivating. Besides, it's never too late to develop your swimming abilities. If, however, you're comparing yourself to 27-year-old Phelps, a superstar athlete, then you should stop, because you're setting yourself up for disappointment.

My friend picks her face whenever she gets a pimple. I'm concerned her picking might scar her face. Is it normal for someone to pick every time they get a blemish?

This is all too common and happens for primarily two reasons. For one, the person might squeeze or pick the pimple because she feels it will speed up the healing process and shorten the length of time the pimple lasts. Most of the time, though, it inflicts more trauma to the skin and prolongs pimple life. People might also pick their faces when they are stressed in much the same way someone might clench their jaw or bite their nails. Talk to her and offer some practical suggestions: "You might be interested in trying this soap that helped me with breakouts."

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Why so mum on Gitmo fate?

Obama said during his first term in office that he would close down Gitmo for good. Was it a Freudian slip from a whistle-blower, or did he mean that he would close his mouth for good on his first term. I wonder if he will be perplexed on his second term?

CALVIN DAVIS PHILADELPHIA

Capitalist boats tug others with them

RE: "DON'T MAKE US FALL FLAT ON ITS FACE" (METRO, AUG. 23) Capitalism is the most fair system because it does not take into account political clout. The winners are those who utilize land, labor and capital in the most efficient way to meet demand, not those who manipulate government force for their own gain. If you are looking for equal outcomes, then I'm afraid there is no system capable — but there is great truth to the adage, "A rising tide lifts all boats."

HANS HAUGEN, VIA E-MAIL

Everyone's entitled to opinions and free speech, not actions

RE: "GAYS HATE THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEIR RIGHTS!" (METRO, AUG. 23) As a gay man, I have been asked by many straight people how I feel about the words of Mr. Cathy and the anti-gay marriage movement. My answer is this: Everyone is entitled to his/her own beliefs and it would be hypocritical of me to attempt to censor or condemn someone for their beliefs. However, if at any point those beliefs become actions that impede my right to act and follow through with my own beliefs, then we have a problem — and vice versa. I don't believe in gay marriage (the word marriage has religious connotations; separation of church and state) I do however believe in civil unions, legal contracts entered into providing the same legal rights to gay couples as heterosexual couples. You don't have to believe in homosexuality, but you don't have the right to deny me and an entire population equal civil liberties. SPENCER GOBER, VIA E-MAIL

The problem is, it's one thing if people want to be against people being gay. That is all well and good.

The problem is trying to make laws against people being gay and preventing gays from marrying or at least being able to visit their partners in hospitals or make basic medical decisions about their partners.

Can you blame a person who is gay for feeling frustrated and angry if they are legally married in Massachusetts, but denied visitation in another state? What do you expect them to do? Just put up with this? Just tolerate having their rights limited based on a document written several thousand years ago and lost in translation?

It's like, if you are against eating pork, you don't ban bacon and ham. Complain about it all you want, but gays are tax-paying citizens — and it's just not kosher or constitutional to deny their rights. SHONDOLYN GIBSON, ROCKLAND, MASS.

Why on Earth should gay people tolerate anti-gay marriage people? Should Jews "tolerate" anti-Semitism?

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Insincerity will be instantly detected and result in you being labeled a shallow person. If you can't honestly find something worth praising in another, there's something wrong with you.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Thinking big doesn't mean a thing unless you put your words into action. The only way you can achieve noteworthy successes is to earn them through effort and application.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Instead of viewing matters realistically, you're likely to color facts to suit your expectations. Self-deception will result in huge disappointments.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Even though it might be hard to convince you otherwise, the world doesn't owe you any free rides. You shouldn't expect anything more than what you deserve.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be mindful of your behavior, or else it will be far too easy for you to be overly attentive to someone who doesn't deserve it while totally ignoring someone who does.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** A commitment you make might be of little importance to you but quite significant to the person to whom you're making it. Be sure to honor your word.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Pretending to be something other than what you are will be detected by your friends and will make a poor impression on them. The world will love you more if you are your own sweet self.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Do not be too disappointed if someone whom you're very fond of does not live up to your expectations. Leave him or her some room to be human – no one is perfect all the time.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Stop and think before you open your mouth, or you could experience one of those embarrassing moments when you say the wrong thing, at the wrong time, to the wrong person.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Thinking you have to be a big spender in order to impress someone is barking up the wrong tree.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When it comes to one-on-one relationships, treat everyone as an equal and forgo all forms of brinksmanship. If you try to put on any airs or affectations, someone will trump you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Unless you keep pace with your obligations and duties, you are likely to sweep certain obligatons under the rug. If you do, you'll pay a hefty price later on.

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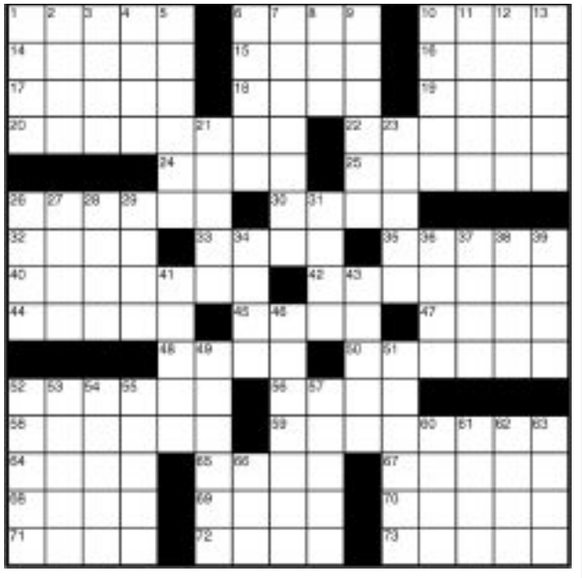

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As the US Open gets underway today Serena Williams has a chance to cement her legacy
If only she can keep her cool this year Where does she stack up against the greats?

Is Serena the greatest of all-time?

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▶ After many thought her career was nearing its end, Williams is now coming off dominant performances at Wimbledon and the London Olympics.

Serena Williams is bringing seven dresses and her karaoke voice for the U.S. Open, but will she bring her calm and composure?

Twice in the last three years, her behavior toward an official stole the spotlight.

A year later, the 14-time Grand Slam singles winner comes into Flushing Meadows ranked No. 4 in the world and having won Wimbledon and the gold medal at the Olympics. And she's been thrust even more prominently into the discussion of the greatest women's players of all-time.

"You think about Serena Williams the last few years at the U.S. Open, she's been pretty edgy," ESPN analyst Pam Shriver said recently on air. "The situation against [Kim] Clijsters. She feels the pressure there more than anywhere."

In the 2009 semifinals, Williams went ballistic on a lineswoman who called her for a foot fault. She lost to the unseeded Clijsters when she was given a point penalty on match point. Williams was fined $10,000 for the outburst.

"I don't foot-fault," Williams told the New York Times Magazine recently. "Like, I have in the past, but this woman should never make a call in the semifinals of a Grand Slam on a person who doesn't foot-fault."

During last year's final, Williams drew a code violation for saying something to the chair umpire after a dispute. Williams later told her, "If you ever see me walking down the hall, look the other way. You're out of control. You're a hater and you're unattractive inside."

Serena issued a pseudo-apology on Twitter.

She was on a 19-match winning-streak before losing in the quarterfinals in Mason, Ohio.

"I probably need a break," she said.

She got one and now here comes the Open, where she's bringing seven dresses for seven matches — including the final — and her best karaoke voice.

"The first thing I do when I get to New York is I'm going to karaoke," she said.

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"She was totally wrong. I'm sorry. I'm *not* sorry. I looked at her like — I tried to warn her. And then she did it again."
SERENA WILLIAMS, ON HER 2009 FOOT-FAULT

"I would have thought she'd win more U.S. Opens. The speed of the surface suited her big game."
PAM SHRIVER, ESPN ANALYST ON SERENA'S SISTER VENUS'S CHANCES

Who's the greatest?

Graf

***Steffi Graf,** 22 Grand Slam singles titles, 1988 gold medal:*
Graf stepped into a void after the success of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert and dominated the tennis scene for much of the late 1980s and early 1990s. She won all four Grand Slam titles in 1988, including the gold medal in Seoul.

But the German great never had much of a true rival in the game. Monica Seles was as close as one came, but her stabbing ended it. She also only won one Grand Slam doubles event.

Evert

***Chris Evert,** 18 Grand Slam singles titles, 154 career titles:*
Evert dominated the tour in the early 1970s before Navratilova challenged her dominance. Her 18 Grand Slam titles are second all-time, behind Graf, and tied with Navratilova — and one spot ahead of Serena Williams's 14 titles.

It's hard to ignore that after dominating Navratilova early, Evert finished 7-25 against her to end her in the last 32 times they faced each other. Evert did win three doubles majors.

Navratilova

***Martina Navratilova,** 18 Grand Slam singles titles, 31 Grand Slam doubles titles:*
Most arguments start and finish with Navratilova being the best women's player of all-time. And certainly if it weren't for the Evert-Navratilova rivalry, each would have many more singles titles than Graf.

Navratilova's absurd 31 doubles majors dwarfs the 13 (and three gold medals) held by Serena Williams. Of course, that doesn't even include her 10 won in mixed doubles.

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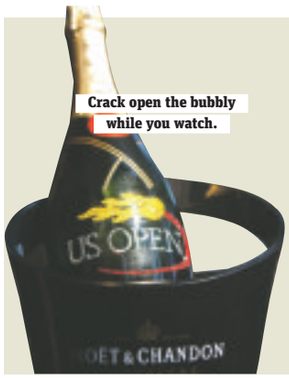
It can't be all about watching Serena and Fed ◐ We give you a handful of options for what to do in Flushing and beyond ◐ Beer or champagne?

Not everything at the U.S. Open has to be only about tennis. Sometimes a five-set marathon goes down a lot better with a beer in one hand.

The Billie Jean King National Tennis Center offers three restaurants — Aces, Champions Bar and Grill and the U.S. Open Club — in addition to a food court, but sometimes you want to get away from the courts and find another place to take in the action. Metro takes a look at a few places you can enjoy while you're in town. ● REBECCA FINKEL



Crack open the bubbly while you watch.

Champagne wishes

Those lucky enough to have tickets to the Open can stop by the Moet & Chandon (the official champagne of the U.S. Open, if you didn't know) **Champagne Terrace**, which is open from 11 a.m. until match end, from Aug. 27 through Sept. 9.

Bubbly will be served in commemorative glasses.

Take a trip to the Garten

Hoboken's **Pilsner Haus and Biergarten** (www.pilsenerhaus.com, 201-683-5465) is bringing out its big screen for match viewing.

Specials include $4 mugs of German-brewed Pilsener Haus Original from 5-8 p.m., and a free half-liter of beer with every grilled brat from 8 p.m. to midnight.

MELISSA HOM

▶ Nothing goes together better than tennis and bratwurst.

In Manhattan

The U.S. Open provides visitors an opportunity to visit Manhattan and enjoy some of the perks of the big city in addition to the event going on in Queens.

Luxury hotel **The Setai Fifth Avenue (www.setaififthavenue.com, 212-695-4005)**, host to many of the top tennis players competing at the tournament, is offering a U.S. Open package from Aug. 27-29. Perks include a chauffeured Maserati to Arthur Ashe Stadium, and a full dinner and open bar in the U.S. Open VIP Suite.

In addition to showing the doubles finals on its big-screen TVs, Central Park South's "sports-friendly" lounge **Whiskey Park (www.gerberbars.com, 212-307-9222)**, with help from education charity TopSpin, will be holding a U.S. Open Closing Party and table tennis tournament on Sept. 9 from 1-5 p.m.

Women's preview

You can bet the good folks at CBS are hoping the top two seeds in the women's draw of the U.S. Open *don't* make the final.

Instead, they are likely hoping for a star-studded Maria Sharapova-Serena Williams primetime showdown on Sept. 8.

Sharapova is the No. 3 seed and Williams No. 4, while Victoria Azarenka of Belarus is the top-ranked woman and Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland is No. 2.

Favorites

Victoria Azarenka — Seeking her second career Major after winning the Australian Open earlier this year. Could face Sharapova in the semis.

Maria Sharapova — She owns a career Grand Slam, including the 2006 U.S. Open, but was crushed by Williams, 6-0, 6-1, in the Olympic gold medal match.

Serena Williams — The 14-time Grand Slam champion won Wimbledon and the Olympics, but recently had her 19-match winning streak snapped.

Darkhorses

Kim Clijsters — This is her U.S. Open swan song and she is hoping for one last majestic run. Clijsters is 21-0 in her last three trips to Queens.

Venus Williams — Reached her first semifinal in two years last week in Mason, Ohio, but could face No. 6 Angelique Kerber in the second round. ● METRO/AZ

Maria Sharapova

Men's preview

The "Big Four" has been reduced to a "Big Three" for this year's U.S. Open. With world No. 3 Rafael Nadal sidelined due to tendonitis, Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray are the overwhelming favorites to win the men's championship on Sept. 9.

"Even though I reached almost all goals already this year by securing a medal, winning Wimbledon, and getting back to world No. 1, it's important for me to push forward and give myself the best possible preparation for New York," Federer said.

Favorites

Roger Federer — The 17-time Major winner won Wimbledon this summer and is soaring after beating Djokovic in straight sets in the finals in Mason, Ohio.

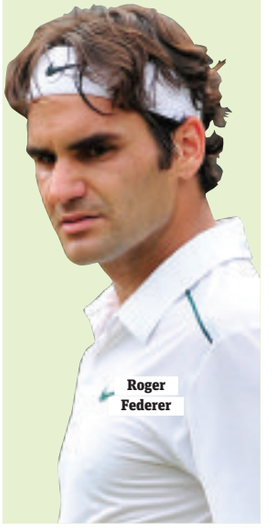
Novak Djokovic — He's lost his last four matches to the other members of the "Big Four" but comes in as the defending champ.

Andy Murray — He's still seeking his first Major title, but throttled Federer to win the gold medal in London.

Darkhorses

Juan Martin del Potro — The 2009 U.S. Open champ is one of the few men with the punch and power to knock off the favorites.

Andy Roddick — His only Major title came here in 2003. He's little more than a sentimental pick at this point. ● METRO/AZ



Roger Federer

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▶ Hill was one of the top prospects in the country in 2008. Scout.com rated him No. 6 in the country, ahead of future NFL stars Patrick Peterson and Andrew Luck.

KING OF THE HILL

Former Gator, New Jersey native finally making a name for himself with Giants this camp ◐ Hill says he's learned from mistakes, using it on the field ◐ Safety should make roster

Every training camp has one or two guys who are merely brought in as a roster-filler and camp body, and who end up blossoming into much more. And if safety Will Hill has it his way, he'll be that next rising star. While wideout Victor Cruz was that guy last year, turning into a multi-media crossover star, Hill's ascension will likely be more gradual. But if you ask the former Florida Gator about his time in camp so far, he certainly doesn't lack in confidence.

"Everybody has been a little impressed about my play right now," Hill said, adding his checkered past is what makes him zone in. "I play with a little bit more oomph behind me [because] I had dark times [and] I know what's on the other side and I don't want to go back. … Plus, I haven't played football in a year. I've got a lot built up in me so I've been needing to hit somebody."

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound safety has indeed been hitting guys when allowed in practice and definitely in actual games. The Giants have used him on special teams, but also more importantly in the regular defensive rotation because they like his aggressiveness and the way he flies to the ball.

Head coach Tom Coughlin said he's seen some good things from Hill and, if he makes the team, can envision using him as a "move around" safety in nickel and dime packages, much like they used Antrel Rolle and the now-departed Deon Grant last season.

"Will Hill has played aggressively in practice and has done the same in games, which I'm glad to see," Coughlin said. "He's been in on a lot of plays, especially made plays in blitzes, and when on special teams. … Now, he's had a couple of spots where he's been out of position and given up plays on the run but overall he's done some good things. I've been encouraged by what he's done. He continues to grow as he gets more opportunities. It'd be a nice story for the kid if he can put it all together."

Prior to his time at Florida, Hill put everything together as he was a standout player at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J. Hill had his pick of any college after excelling at quarterback, running back, receiver, and safety — but shortly after his arrival at Gainesville, the self-assured Hill found trouble.

"It was all about Me, Me, Me," he said about the troubles that ultimately got him suspended for violating team rules. "Just thinking too highly of myself and thinking, 'Oh, I am at the top again, nothing can happen to me, and I can do whatever I want.' And I paid for it."

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Rookie Hosley finds his role

The biggest transition for a rookie coming into the league can often be fitting into a new role on a more-experienced team.

Jayron Hosley is finding that out the hard way for the Giants. Hosley was the team's third-round pick out of Virginia Tech and a two-year starter at cornerback.

He's now learning a new role as nickel corner for the Giants — coming in when teams play in three receiver packages.

"I'm feeling pretty comfortable," Hosley said of the transition. "It's something different, but I'm used to it. I'm going to get used to it with the right culture."

With an increased emphasis on the pass game over the past decade, the nickel corner position is more important than ever.

Last year, the Giants had to resort to using Antrel Rolle at the position with Terrell Thomas out for the season and Prince Amukamara struggling to fit in after breaking his foot in the preseason.

"I'm getting a lot of advice from the older guys like Antrel, who played there last year," he said. "It's been coming kind of second nature to me." METRO

Key battles

Training camp is just about over and the first cut comes today at 4 p.m., when teams must be down to 75 players. We take a look at some of the top position battles on the Giants.

Jerrel Jernigan vs. Domenik Hixon

Breakdown: Hixon and Jernigan, along with Rueben Randle, are battling for third receiver. Randle isn't getting cut, but it wouldn't be surprising if Hixon was. He has battled serious injuries two years in a row and hasn't looked great this preseason.

Henry Hynoski vs. Joe Martinek

Breakdown: If Martinek makes the team it will likely be due to his special teams play. The Rutgers star has looked good in limited play. He actually had a 14-yard touchdown catch against the Jets on a fullback screen.

Tyler Sash vs. Will Hill

Breakdown: Sash's four-game drug suspension really opened the door for Hill to make this team at safety and especially as a contributor on special teams. He'll have at least four games to prove he belongs. Sash will then be eligible to return.

Chase Blackburn vs. Mark Herzlich

Breakdown: This battle for the starting middle linebacker role was probably won before it really started by Blackburn. But remember, he wasn't even on this team when the season started last fall. Herzlich will still be an important contributor to the Giants.

Bay fighting for some normalcy

Mets left-fielder tries to move on from concussion in part-time role
Still doesn't remember incident

The irony is that Jason Bay believes there is a positive born out of the worst year of his baseball life.

"A concussion isn't a death sentence," Bay told Metro in a sitdown interview Thursday afternoon at Citi Field. "I know way more than I want to know about them. I know more than I want to."

Bay suffered the second concussion of his Mets' tenure when his head slammed against the edge of the left-field wall and warning track while tracking a Jay Bruce fly ball in the second inning of a loss to the Reds on June 15.

Bay threw the ball back in as Bruce sprinted around the bases for an inside-the-park home run before having to be helped off the field.

"I remember the play," Bay said. "I remember I dove at the wall, threw the ball in. I remember walking off the field and talking to the doctors. But the 15 minutes that that all took, it seems like it was 45 seconds. I remember it all, but I don't remember its entirety — if that makes any sense.

"I was walking off the field and it felt like three steps and I was off the field. I remember the play; I didn't lose consciousness," Bay said.

Two DL stints have abbreviated Bay's season to just 50 games through Saturday. By his admission, he's spent a great deal of time "fighting, trying to get comfortable at the plate."

Bay had a .152 batting average heading into yesterday. Because of his season-long slump, the once everyday left-fielder is relegated to a utility player.

"When you play every day [you know when the game's going to start], you go out there and play at that time. It's very hard adjusting to a role when you don't know when you might get [called] on. It might be the fifth [inning], the seventh [or] the ninth," Bay said. "You have to be ready for all those scenarios."

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▶ Bay says he remembers the play on June 15 that knocked him out, but not the time it took for him to be helped off the field.

Duda rejoins big leagues

The Mets called Lucas Duda back up from Triple-A Buffalo almost exactly a month after he was demoted.

Duda, who was struggling both offensively and defensively — out-of-position in right field — was demoted July 24.

After reaching a high of .279 in batting average on May 17, he batted just .216 in the next 53 games.

Duda batted just .260 with three home runs in 25 games for Buffalo.

The Mets will demote Jordany Valdespin to make room on the roster for Duda — though rosters expand on Sept. 1, so he will likely rejoin the team then.

Manager Terry Collins said Duda will play left field and spell Ike Davis at first. METRO

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Bay has 24 home runs as a member of the Mets. He has hit more than that in a season six times, including six of his first seven seasons.

118

His 118 RBI in three seasons on the Mets through Saturday were one fewer than he had in his last season with the Red Sox.

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